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SUBJECT: AMB. ROESMIN'S FAREWELL CALL ON SECRETARY

1. FOLLOWING IS MEMCON OF SECRETARY'S MEETING
WITH AMB. ROESMIN NO.. 18.
2. AFTER CONGRATULATING ROESMIN ON HIS EFFECTIVE
PERFORMANCE FOR INDONESIA WHILE IN WASHINGTON, SECRETARY
OPENED SUBSTANCE OF MEETING BY UNDERLINING IMPORTANCE TO
USG OF OUR RELATIONS WITH GOI AND AFFIRMING OUR INTEREST
IN WELLBEING OF INDONESIA. ADMINISTRATION DECISION TO
SEND BOTH F-5 AND M-16 REQUESTS TO CONGRESS WAS
REFLECTION OF CONFIDENCE AND IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO
INDONESIA AND ITS FUTURE.
3. F-5: REOSMIN REFERRED TO THE PREMATURE PRESS PUBLICITY
CONCERNING THE F-5 PROPOSAL AND ASKED IF THE DEPT WAS
AWARE HOW IT HAD COME ABOUT. THE SECRETARY RESPONDED
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THAT WE DID NOT AND THAT IT HAD NOT BEEN DELIBERATE.
ROESMIN STATED THAT FROM HIS VIEWPOINT HE SAW THE
SUBSEQUENT GOI STATEMENT AS A FORM OF COMMITMENT BY THE
GOI TO CHOOSING THE F-5 OVER THE MIRAGE. ROESMIN NOTED
THAT AEROSPATIALE TEAM HEADED BY GEN. MITTERAND WHICH

WAS VISITING INDONESIA TO SIGN A PRODUCTION AGREEMENT ON

THE PUMA HELICOPTER HAD BEEN PRESSING HARD FOR THE MIRAGE AND THAT THE FRENCH HAD OFFERED VERY FAVORABLE FINANCIAL TERMS. SPEAKING FROM HIS OWN AIR FORCE BACKGROUND, ROESMIN SAID HE HAD STRONGLY SUPPORTED CHOOSING THE F-5.

4. HUMAN RIGHTS: SECRETARY STATED HE WAS AWARE OF CONVERSATIONS ROESMIN HAD ALREADY HAD WITH ASST SEC HOLBROOKE AND DEP ASST SEC OAKLEY ON THE RELEASE OF 10,000 PRISONERS BY THE END OF THIS YEAR AND THE ICRC PRISON VISITS IN JANUARY. THE SECRETARY SAID HE WANTED TO EMPHASIZE HIMSELF THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE ACTIONS AND HOW GRATIFIED HE WAS THAT THESE STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN. THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE STEPS WILL HAVE AN IMPORTANT EFFECT HERE. ROESMIN STATED THAT HE KNEW PERSONALLY BOTH FROM HIS OWN VISIT TO INDONESIA SEVERAL MONTHS AGO AND FROM RECENT REPORTS THAT PREPARATIONS FOR THESE ACTIONS ARE GOING FORWARD. ADMIRAL SUDOMO WAS HIMSELF VISITING THE PROVINCES WHERE THE PRISONERS WOULD BE SETTLED. ROESMIN SAID THAT HE HAD SENT MESSAGES TO PRESIDENT SUHARTO, ADMIRAL SUDOMO AND GENERAL MURDANI THAT THE USG WAS ANXIOUS TO SEE HOW THESE ACTIONS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED. SECRETARY SAID THAT HE WAS GLAD TO HEAR THAT AND THAT THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT MATTER.

5. ASEAN: SECRETARY ASKED ROESMIN TO PLEASE ALSO CONVEY
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THAT WE ARE DEEPLY INTERESTED IN THE SUCCESS OF ASEAN. WE WANT TO WORK WITH ASEAN IN A WAY WHICH BEST FITS THE PLANS AND IDEAS OF THE MEMBERS OF ASEAN. ASST SEC HOLBROOKE EXPRESSED PLEASURE THAT THE ASEAN AMBASSADORS IN WASHINGTON WILL FORM THEMSELVES INTO A STANDING COMMITTEE WITH WHICH WE CAN WORK REGULARLY. AMB. ROESMIN STATED THAT THE COMMITTEE HAD ALREADY BEEN FORMED AND HAD SENT A MESSAGE TO THE ASEAN STANDING COMMITTEE IN BANGKOK REQUESTING CONFIRMATION OF ITS AUTHORITY TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE ORGANIZATION. WHILE NO CONFIRMATION HAD YET BEEN RECEIVED, THIS DID NOT MEAN THAT THE WASHINGTON AMBASSADORS COULD NOT START WORKING TOGETHER AND IN FACT THEY HAD. HOLBROOKE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT, WHEN THE COMMITTEE WAS OFFICIALLY FORMED, HE COULD BRING THEM TO CALL ON THE SECRETARY. SECRETARY SAID HE WOULD WELCOME SUCH A MEETING.

6. OPEC: SECRETARY TOLD ROESMIN THAT IN THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD ECONOMY AND THE FRAGILE SITUATION IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD, WE THINK IT IMPORTANT THAT THERE BE

NO PRICE INCREASE AT THE COMING OPEC MEETING IN

CARACAS. THIS VIEW IS SHARED BY SAUDI ARABIA, IRAN AND KUWAIT. SECRETARY SAID HE WOULD BE GOING TO VENEZUELA FOLLOWING WEEK TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT AND HE COULD NOT STRESS TOO MUCH THE DAMAGE WHICH WOULD FLOW FROM A PRICE INCREASE AT THIS TIME. EFFECT NOT ONLY ON DEVELOPED BUT ON DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WOULD BE VERY HARMFUL. SECRETARY SAID IT SEEMED TO HIM CLEARLY IN INTERESTS OF ALL TO FREEZE PRICES AT LEAST FOR 1978 AND HE WAS SURE THIS VIEW WAS SHARED BY ALL. ROESMIN SAID HE HAD TALKED PREVIOUS DAY WITH MINING MINISTER SADLI BEFORE SADLI'S DEPARTURE FOR CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO CARACAS IN SEARCH OF CONSENSUS, SITUATION MISSING AT PREVIOUS OPEC MEETING. HE ASKED IF THE SECRETARY COULD CONFIRM PRESS REPORTS THAT THE SHAH WOULD OPPOSE ANY INCREASE. CONFIDENTIAL

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SECRETARY SAID HE COULD CONFIRM IT AND THAT SAUDI ARABIA AND KUWAIT WOULD ALSO OPPOSE AN INCREASE. ROESMIN SAID SADLI HAD TOLD HIM INDONESIA WILL HAVE A SEVEN PERCENT DECLINE IN PRODUCTION IN 1978 AND ASKED IF IN LIGHT OF THAT A FIVE PERCENT INCREASE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. SECRETARY SAID NO INCREASE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE, THAT PRICE MUST BE FROZEN AND SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAN ARE NOT PLANNING ON A FIVE PERCENT INCREASE.

7. FOOD SITUATION: HOLBROOKE ASKED ROESMIN'S PERSONAL VIEWS ON INDONESIAN CAPACITY TO PRODUCE ENOUGH FOOD FOR ITS PEOPLE OVER NEXT FIVE TO TEN YEARS. ROESMIN NOTED THERE SHORTFALL IN RICE. IF PEOPLE COULD BE PERSUADED TO EAT LESS RICE, INDONESIA COULD BE SELF-SUFFICIENT, BUT THERE WILL BE SHORTFALL IN NEAR FUTURE. CAPITAL NEEDED TO OPEN NEW LAND AND MOVE PEOPLE OFF JAVA, AND DEPT AGRICULTURE HAS ESTIMATED THAT, IN ORDER ACHIEVE SELF-SUFFICIENCY, THERE WILL BE NEED TO OPEN 400,000 HECTARES ANNUALLY. INDONESIA NOW PRODUCES 90 PERCENT OF ITS RICE NEEDS, ABOUT 15.7 MILLION TONS, BUT STILL HAS TO IMPORT 1.5 TO 1.7 MILLION TONS, THIRTY PERCENT OF WHICH COMES FROM US, REST FROM THAILAND, BURMA, CHINA. HOLBROOKE NOTED THAT ONE THIRD OF INTERNATIONAL RICE TRADE NOW GOES TO INDONESIA DESPITE 90 PERCENT SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND THIS VERY WORRYING. OAKLEY NOTED THAT WITH TRIPLE CROPPING YIELDS ACTUALLY REDUCED IN AREAS WHERE PESTS NO LONGER DIE BUT CAN KEEP ALIVE. ROESMIN NOTED TWO PROBLEMS OVER PAST TWO YEARS WHICH GOI UNABLE HANDLE ADEQUATELY, DROUGHT AND WERENG GRASSHOPPER WHICH

PROSPERED WITH NEW NON-RESISTANT SEED VARIETIES. HOLBROOKE SAID THAT SECRETARY HAD ASKED AMB. MASTERS TO PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER AND THAT WE HOPED CONFIDENTIAL

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BE ABLE WORK WITH INDONESIA ON THIS. ROESMIN SAID
INDONESIA WOULD APPRECIATE CONTINUATION OF PL-480
ASSISTANCE. HABIB

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